

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STRIKE 3 HOLDINGS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN DOE., subscriber assigned IP
address 108.7.209.104,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-11709-IT

PROTECTIVE ORDER

August 15, 2023

TALWANI, D.J.

On August 10, 2023, Plaintiff explained its need for discovery to obtain Defendant's identification and assured the court that Plaintiff would only use this information to prosecute the claims made in the Complaint [Doc. No. 1] and that Plaintiff would seek to enforce its rights "in a way that is mindful of a defendant's privacy interests." See Memorandum in Support 1-2, 4 [Doc. No. 7]. Plaintiff encouraged this court to issue a protective order establishing procedural safeguards, such as allowing a defendant to proceed pseudonymously, as the court finds appropriate. Id. at 9. The court finds the following protective order appropriate.

Pending further order of the court, Defendant is granted leave to proceed pseudonymously. To proceed in this manner, Defendant or Defendant's counsel shall file under seal a notice of appearance identifying Defendant by name. Defendant's subsequent filings may use the pseudonym John Doe.

Pending further order of the court, Plaintiff shall not use John Doe's name, address, or any other identifying information (except his assigned IP address) in any court filings or any communications with any third parties. Plaintiff may use John Doe's name, address, or other

identifying information only in communications directed solely to John Doe (or John Doe's counsel).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: August 15, 2023


United States District Judge